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## Viewing cable 06SANJOSE1747, COSTA RICA ON CASTRO SUCCESSION

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#06SANJOSE1747**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">06SANJOSE1747</a>	<a href="#">2006-08-09 22:36</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy San Jose</a>

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.nacion.com/2011-03-11/Investigacion/NotasDestacadas/Investigacion2710281.aspx>  
<http://www.nacion.com/2011-03-11/Investigacion/NotaPrincipal/Investigacion2710282.aspx>

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/06/2016  
TAGS: [PGOV](#) [PHUM](#) [PREL](#) [CU](#) [CR](#)  
SUBJECT: COSTA RICA ON CASTRO SUCCESSION

REF: STATE 125684

Classified By: A/DCM Scott McAdoo for reasons 1.4 (B&D)

¶1. (C) Ambassador discussed reftel talking points with

Minister of Foreign Affairs Bruno Stagno on August 4, 2006. Stagno indicated that he would discuss the situation with Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Thomas Shannon when they were in Bogota, Colombia, on August 7 for the inauguration of President Alvaro Uribe. President Oscar Arias commented publicly on August 1 that he would like to see Cuba evolve towards a representative democracy.

12. (U) According to the Costa Rican newspaper, La Nacion, Arias planned to meet Cuban vice-president Carlos Luge the evening of Uribe's inauguration. Arias intended to pass a message to Raul Castro encouraging him to promote a transition to democracy in Cuba. However, during the inauguration ceremony, Lage approached Arias and informed him that he was not willing to discuss this subject at their meeting. Arias would not accept this condition and canceled the meeting.  
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